



Commanding Officer's Corner LtCol. Jeff Hooks

Hello to the families and friends of the MWSS-273 "Sweathog" Team. The summer comes to a close with many of our Marines and Sailors returning home and another detachment deploying to Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom III-2. The Squadron received outstanding news that it had been selected as the Marine Corps' "MWSS of the Year--2005", The Marines and Sailors celebrated this honor with a 72-hour liberty pass.

We will begin our training work-up cycle in September in preparation for our deployment in August 2006 (OIF IV-2). Individual Marines and Sailors are still being provided as "Individual Augmentees" for numerous Global War On Terrorism (GWOT) requirements; in addition to the Detachments going to Iraq the Squadron still has Marines in Afghanistan (OEF), Sarajevo, Bosnia (OEF) and at March Air Reserve Base, Riverside California, supporting our Security and Stabilization Operations training (SASO).

Marines supporting VMAQ-3 in Afghanistan (OEF), JTF-Bravo, Honduras, AT Battalion 4th MEB (OIF III-1) and MWSS-271, Al Asad Iraq have all safely returned to the Lowcountry after long and successful deployments. All Marines and Sailors will go through required "Warrior Transition/Decompression" training for a 72-hour period upon their return, and 96-hour post deployment liberty passes, as well as "block leave" will be granted for all returning Sweathogs. Special thanks to our Key Volunteer (OIF III.1 Det.) Mrs. Tiffany Hollowell - the personal time and efforts to assist the families of our deployed Marines has been outstanding.

As the Marines mentioned above returned to Beaufort, the Squadron deployed another

Detachment of 77 Marines and Sailors to augment MWSS-272; most of these Marines will be operating from Al Asad Air Base in Western Iraq. (Detachment Officer-in-Charge 2d Lieutenant Peterson, Staff Non-Commissioned Officer-in-Charge Master Sergeant Meehan, and Key Volunteer Mrs. Dena Wouters).

The Squadron will begin a gradual increase in training over the next nine months focusing on annual training (Rifle/Pistol training), Basic Skills Training (BST), Company-level Exercises & Operations, Squadron-level Command Post Exercises (CPX) all culminating in a couple of off-site "BattleHogs" TBD (Fort Stewart/Bogue Field NC) and "Desert Talon" in Yuma Arizona during June 2006.

Our Key Volunteers have been busy through the summer supporting our deployed Marines, recruiting new KV's, fund raising and making preparations for Return & Reunion of our Marines. Mrs. Heather Stone took the reins as the Squadron Key Volunteer Coordinator in June. Heather and I wanted to immediately focus on getting the word out to all of our spouses about the KV network and what it can do for the families of our Marines and Sailors. The KV's have held two meetings (7 July, 4 August) encouraging spouses within the command to get involved with the KV network as the squadron begins its work-up for the August 2006 deployment. The next KV meeting will be held at 1800, 8 September, at my quarters, #7 Bay Circle, Laurel Bay. In addition to the recruitment efforts, the KV's have held a very successful fundraiser and sponsored a return and reunion brief held at the MCAS Log Cabin. The spouses of the OIF III.1 Det. received return and reunion briefs from Mrs. Stacey Brown (MCAS Family Team Building) and the MCAS Chaplain. The KV's and SSgt Talbert (Squadron Family Readiness Officer, FRO) provided pizza and deserts, while other family members made posters and banners to welcome our Marines and Sailors home. The KV's maintain the MWSS-273 "Hog Call" website where the latest in KV happenings are posted, I encourage you to visit the site for KV information.

Good Luck and God's Speed to our deploying Sweathogs and WELCOME HOME to all of those Sweathogs that have been deployed in support-of the Global War on Terrorism!

Sincerely,
LtCol Jeff Hooks



KVC'S CORNER HEATHER STONE

This summer has been busy for the MWSS 273 Marines and families, and key volunteers, and with it drawing to a close we are pleased to welcome home our 273 Marines who served with MWSS 271 in Iraq ~job well done to both Marines and families for serving and supporting abroad and on the home front. Our Key Volunteer for this deployment was Tiffany Hollowell, and she did a stupendous job passing information and coordinating many of the activities for our families of deployed Marines including a group care package in May, helping to arrange video-teleconferencing between families and their Marines in Iraq in July. The Key Volunteer Network hosted a Return/Reunion Brief on August 16 and provided a pizza dinner and welcome home banner making session for spouses. The KVN purchased and prepared welcome home goody bags for the returning single Marines living in the barracks aboard the MCAS and two local restaurants- Golden Corral and Chick-Fil-A- donated gift certificates for each returning Marine.

At the same time we are saying farewell to another group of 273 Marines who will augment MWSS 272 in Iraq. The Key Volunteers hosted a farewell get-together for departing Marines and their spouses/families at the Outback Steak House in Beaufort-whose managers graciously opened their doors one hour early to accommodate our party.

Our Key Volunteers for this deployment are Dena Wouters (843) 812-0834 (KV rep) and Vicki Howe (843)846-4076. Please contact Dena with questions/re: 273 Marines deployed with 272. If your family member is deployed to Iraq with MWSS 272 you can access the MWSS 272 website for information about the deployment, weekly and monthly updates from the 272 command element and view pictures at www.2maw.usmc.mil/FamilyReadiness/mwss272KVN.asp.

Additionally the KVN sent welcome gifts to a number of new 273 babies ~ congratulations to our new parents! Our KV representative for New Babies is Kelly Plumb. And we continue to assist family members both here in the Beaufort area and elsewhere in finding answers to their questions.

The 273 Key Volunteer Network continues to actively fundraise in order to be able to provide our families and Marines with above mentioned activities and assistance. Our latest fundraiser is very exciting: Jane Wayne Gear © T-shirts and cammi purses with a feminine flair. Check out the order form and call or email to order!

MWSS 273's constant presence abroad in many diverse billets supporting the efforts of this war on terror, is by far the single most important reason why we need the Key Volunteer Network.

The role of the Key Volunteer is to provide families with:

- Important information directly from the command regarding our Marines
- Act as a communication link between families and the command-getting answers to your questions, sharing your concerns and suggestions
- Information about services available to you through the Marine Corps and in the community to aid in daily life and in times of crisis.
- And to provide a support network-we all have different life experiences but we share the common thread of having a loved one in the Corps and we can learn from and lean on one another.

Our Key Volunteer Network is made up of diverse individuals with a desire and willingness to reach out and help others. We welcome everyone's participation and recognize the busy and hectic lifestyles of military families.

As we prepare for the deployment of the entire squadron one year from now, please take the time to familiarize yourself with your Key Volunteers, attend a L.I.N.K.S. training, join the MWSS 273 HOG CALL site on Yahoo.com, <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/mwss273hogcall/> and if interested, sign up to be a Key Volunteer. The more key volunteers we have the better able we are to support one another and our 600+ Marines.

We welcome your input, ideas and suggestions so that we may better support you.

Thanks to everyone for your support,

Heather Stone ~ Key Volunteer Coordinator
MWSS 273

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Engineer Operations Company

The Engineer Operations Company has continued its support of MCAS Beaufort. The Company looks forward to welcoming home its 31 Marines who are currently deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom III (OIF III). We bid farewell to the 23 Engineers who will augment MWSS 272's OIF III tour, and we look forward to their safe return in 2006. The Engineer Operations Company would also like to thank Mrs. Kelly Plumb (Engineer Company Key Volunteer), and all of her Platoon Key Volunteers for their continued support of all our Marines and families.

During September the Combat Engineer Platoon plans to build a Pigpen in the MWSS-273 area for the Squadron mascot, additionally they are hoping to complete work on several other concrete projects. The Heavy Equipment Platoon is looking forward to doing some road repair work at the Laurel Bay horse stables during the month of September. This project will allow the Marines an opportunity to practice their earth moving skills. SSgt Tamm from the Utilities Platoon is organizing a Company-wide Noncommissioned Officer (NCO) Professional Military Education trip to Fort Pulaski, Georgia for the end of September. The daylong trip will allow the NCOs to learn the battle history behind Fort Pulaski, as well as hone their skills on Tactical Decision-making Games.

When you see the following Engineer Company Marines be sure to wish them a well earned congratulations on their recent promotion:

Utilities Platoon	
CWO2 Plumb	Sgt Saucedo
Heavy Equipment Platoon	
Cpl Bruce	PFC Bailey

Please congratulate the following Engineer Company Marines on their recent marriages:

Sgt Fritz	Cpl Milan
LCpl Martinez	LCpl Wright
PFC Marisol	PFC Odoan

The official website for MWSS 273 is:
<https://www.2maw.usmc.mil/MWSG27/mwss273/default.asp>

Motor Transport Company

Motor Transport Company was officially formed at the end of July from the Operations and Maintenance platoons. Although there were some initial growing pains while the company was getting settled in and used to the new command structure, we are running on all cylinders now, pardon the pun. The integration of these two platoons will allow the Motor Transport Marines to conduct more integrated training and ensure we are operating as a team before deploying to Iraq. The company currently has approximately 70 Marines and will have over 100 when all of our personnel return from OIF augment billets and other slots are filled from the schoolhouse and incoming Marines.

In the Operations platoon, Corporal Follmer returned from Iraq this month in support of OIF IIIA. We also sent 11 Marines to Iraq in support of OIF IIIB. Staff Sergeant Harmon joined the platoon after a successful tour as a Drill Instructor at Parris Island. Staff Sergeant Akers is currently at Camp Lejeune completing the Advanced SNCO Course and will graduate on 27 September. Sergeant Little has recently departed for Recruiting School in San Diego, CA, after spending over three years with MWSS-273. We have also seen three Marines depart the Corps as Sergeant Markfort, Corporal Morris and Corporal Latch all began or completed their terminal leave periods as they transition into their new civilian lives. Congratulations on your honorable service, we are all grateful for your contributions.

In Maintenance, the Marines have been extremely busy ensuring the trucks are running; no easy task since the heat has been consistently over 100 degrees on several occasions. The major accomplishment this month was earning a 100% readiness rating on our P-19 fire trucks, a rare accomplishment given the age and condition of these vehicles. In other areas, the platoon has also been successful maintaining the other Motor Transport vehicles at over 95% readiness and conducting several training events to build the junior Marines' proficiency.

Useful Website to Send Mail to Deployed Marines:

www.motomail.us



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Airfield Operations Company

Airfield Operations Company has been fully engaged in preparations here at home and abroad in support of the Global War on Terrorism. Since Operation Iraqi Freedom IIB our Sections have been engaged in the re-plenishment of equipment and tools in order to continue training that will enable us to be successful in combat. In highlighting some of the things we are involved in: Our Fuels section is in the process of installing a Fuel System on the Air Station flight line which will give our Bulk Fuelers the necessary training needed in order to stay current in their military occupational specialty. Our Aircraft Rescue and Firefighting, Weather, Explosive Ordnance Disposal and Expeditionary Airfield sections on a daily basis continue to provide support to MCAS Beaufort parent units. Our Explosive Ordnance team also provides support to the Beaufort civilian sector as well. Each of our sections has Marines currently deployed in support of OIF III. As we are expecting those Marines home soon we are also preparing to send other Marines in order to continue the support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. We as a Company strive for excellence in every area and we eagerly await future operations and challenges that will make us more proficient in our jobs. We also thank our Key Wives Volunteers for the outstanding work and support they have attributed to the Airfield Operations Company Marines and their families. Some highlighted events concerning our Marines and their families:

Key Volunteers:

Mrs. Brandy Tillman
Mrs. Jessica Regis
Mrs. Rachel Leskoven
Mrs. Emily Hladik
Mrs. Tiffany Hollowell

Fuels Sections:

Cpl Wudtke married Julie on 13 Aug. 2005.

Gysgt Lyons celebrated 17 years of faithful service on 9 Aug, and will celebrate 1 year of marriage to husband Tommy on 28 Aug. 2005.

Marines returning from OIF III, and Marines deploying to OIF IIIB.

Sgt Belcher's wife Chanel gave birth to a new baby girl Sha'Zariah on 25 July.

Expeditionary Air-field

Lcpl Thomas celebrated 2 years of marriage to wife Jessica.

Sgt Tarticchio's wife Heather gave birth to a new baby girl Liliana on 22 July.

Marines return from Operation Enduring Freedom.

Lcpl Gerke was meritoriously promoted while assigned to VMAQ-3 in support of Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan.

T. L. Jennings

ARFF NOTEWORTHY EVENTS

PROMOTIONS:

April 1, 2005:

SSgt Jesse Morgan
LCpl Joey Blazina

June 1, 2005:

Cpl Justin Dunbar

July 1, 2005:

Cpl Jacob Cools
MSGT Thomas Karambelas
Cpl Anthony Conant
Cpl John Miller

August 1, 2005:

Sgt Matthew Paddon
Sgt Daniel Rose
Sgt Michelle Vinson-Davis

MERITORIOUS PROMOTIONS:

June 2, 2005:

Cpl Joshua Zwarlandrum

PME SCHOOLS:

SSgt Mark Kand & SSgt Brian Dunkley graduated Career course on August 5, 2005.

SSgt Raymond Secoy graduated Career Course on June 5, 2005.
Cpl Kirk Prinsen & Cpl John Ireland graduated Corporals Course on April 15, 2005.

Cpl Anthony Conant, Cpl Graham Strebler, and Cpl John Miller graduated Corporals Course on August 5, 2005.



Sgt Douglas Holcomb graduated
Sergeants Course August 2, 2005.

AWARDS:

Cpl Matt Richard is Marine of
the Quarter
LCpl Joshua Zwarlandrum is
Marine of the year
Sgt Adam Hackler- Good Conduct
Cpl John Ireland- Good Conduct
Cpl Kenneth Rogers- Good Conduct
Cpl Graham Strebler- Good
Conduct

CHILDREN:

Sgt Daniel Rose and wife adopted
Jacob Rose from Bolgrograd
Russia on July 1, 2005.

Cpl Kirk Prinsen and wife give
birth to Emma Lynn Prinsen on
June 3, 2005.

MARRIAGES:

PFC Jason Fox Married Marie
Bintliff of Carbondale PA on May
29,
2005.

Can You Guess What These Stand For ?

The following are some common military
acronyms. Test your USMC IQ :

1. BAH
2. BAS
3. CG
4. CMC
5. CO
6. COMRATS
7. CONUS
8. FRO
9. FSA
10. KVN
11. LES
12. LINKS
13. NCO
14. OOD
15. PMO
16. SNCO
17. TMO
18. XO

Headquarters and Service Company

Headquarters and Service Company, as always,
has been hard at work supporting Marine Wing
Support Squadron 273 with the essential “behind
the scenes” services needed to ensure Marines
receive adequate training, pay, billeting, mail,
etc. Your Material Readiness Section has been
hard at work to replenish equipment, parts, and
tools depleted after the unit’s return from OIF.
They also work to ensure the squadron maintains
a high state of readiness, prepared for any
mission. S-1 works diligently day after day to
ensure every Marine’s administrative needs are
met and each Marine continues to get paid. S-3 is
the driving force behind the training our Marines
receive day in and day out. S-4 contains Field
Mess, facilities, Embark, Medical, Dental, and
the armory. The armory does an excellent job of
maintaining our weapon systems and training
Marines on employment of those weapons.
Facilities keeps the lights, water, and A/C
running in both your work and barracks spaces.
Field Mess is responsible for feeding your
Marines when we deploy, supporting unit events,
and keeping the chow hall staffed so we are able
to eat three hot meals a day. Embark takes the
lead in ensuring the squadron is ready to move
out at a moments notice, and is responsible for
supporting all personnel and gear movement in
and out of the unit. Medical and Dental do a
tremendous job keeping our Marines healthy and
capable of deploying. S-6 continues to support us
with computers, networks, radios, and other
essential communication requirements needed
for work, training, and operations. Within H&S
you will also find our Safety Officer, SACO ,
and Career Retention Specialist who are all
contributing to the daily well-being of all the
Marines.

H&S Marines have done and continue to do an
outstanding and remarkable job. As the company
continues to support the Marines of the unit,
MWSS-273 continues to support the Global War
on Terrorism. We have recently deployed
Marines as individual augments in support of
operations abroad. We look forward to receiving
and welcoming home our brethren who have
recently completed deployments in harms way
and continue to train and prepare for the day
when we will again be called upon to take a
stand.

I want to thank all of the Marines and their
families for the outstanding job they do
supporting the Marine Corps and contributing to



the freedoms of so many others. I also want to thank our Key Volunteers for the tremendous support they provide to all of our Marines, sailors, and families.

Again, THANK YOU for all that each and everyone of you do. Below you will find some recent highlighted events worth celebrating or congratulating.

MRO:

SSgt Hutson and family have recently arrived from Hawaii. Be sure to welcome them aboard.

Sgt Gordon and family have recently arrived from Quantico, VA so be sure to welcome them aboard.

LCpl Pizaro and Family have recently arrived from Pendleton, CA so be sure to welcome them aboard.

S-1:

LCpl Wright and PFC Odoan were recently married in the beginning of August.

1stLt Halsey and his wife Susan were Married June 23rd.

S-6:

LCpl Carter recently Married June 17th and his Bride Akemi Carter will be joining our sweat hog family from Japan in September.

R. W. CERNEY

Squadron Contact Information

Family Readiness Officer (FRO):

SSgt Talbert, (843) 228-8317

talbertrl@2mawbft.usmc.mil

MWSS-273 Family Readiness Hotline:

(843) 228-8308

MWSS-271 Family Readiness Hotline:

(866) 242-0064

Press "4" for MWSS-27 & "2" for MWSS-272

MWSS-273 Squadron Duty Officer:

(843) 228-8300

Key Volunteer Coordinator (KVC):

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Key Volunteer (OIF III-2 Detachment):

Mrs. Dena Wouters (843) 812-0834

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*Please send newsletter
suggestions and requests to
Meghan Peel @
mpeeltroyst@yahoo.com*

Did you know...?

There is a Hogcall website at
<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/mwss273hogcall>

This page is the unofficial, but very effective tool of the MWSS 273 Key Volunteer Network. The purpose of this group is to keep the Sweathog Family informed, answer general questions from families, and build community between our Sweathog families. To join via the group page:

1. Go to the above web address.
2. Click on the "Join this Group" button on the front page for the group.
3. Sign in to Yahoo. If you do not have a Yahoo ID, you can create one at this time.
4. Set your membership preferences. You can choose a profile to display, set the email address where you wish to receive group messages, the format you would like to receive the messages in, and more.
5. You will receive an email from the group's moderator asking what your connection is to MWSS273. This is done because of the nature of information that may be included within the website – to protect the Marines and their families. The moderator will approve membership accordingly.

To join the mailing list only:

If you choose this method, you will not have access to all of the group's web features such as photos, calendar, files, and links. To join the mailing list only, send a blank email to:

mwss273hogcall-subscribe@yahoogroups.com

You will then receive a confirmation message. Reply to this message and your subscription will be complete.

You are free to post messages, photos, and other information to the Hogcall website. All postings are subject to approval by the group moderator to protect the safety of our Marines and their families.



MAIL/CARE PACKAGE INFORMATION

The US Postal Service offers the following advice with regard to addressing mail items to deployed service members:

“Our troops look forward to receiving your letters and packages. That’s why it’s important to make sure your mail gets there, to the right person in the right place.

The Department of Defense has issued the following guidelines for addressing your mail to military and civilian personnel deployed in Operation Iraqi Freedom.

- **Use the service member’s full name.** The Department of Defense cancelled the Any Service Member program so you need to send to someone specific.
- **Include the unit and APO/FPO** (Air/Army Post Office or Fleet Post Office) address with the nine-digit ZIP code (if one is assigned).
- **Include a return address.**
- **For packages, print on one side only** with the recipient’s address in the lower right portion.”

The US Postal Service also advises the following with regard to what to send and what not to send:

“Before you send a letter or package to one of our troops overseas, make sure you’re aware of certain restrictions. Every country has customs regulations regarding incoming mail. Although there are specific restrictions for each five-digit Military Post Office Zip Code (APO/FPO), generally, the following are prohibited in the region of Operation Iraqi Freedom:

- **Obscene articles** (prints, paintings, cards, films, videotapes, etc).
- **Any matter depicting nude or seminude persons**, pornographic or sexual items, or nonauthorized political materials.
- **Bulk quantities of religious materials contrary to the Islamic faith.** Items for the personal use of the addressee are permissible.
- **Pork or pork by-products.”**

For more specific guidelines related to the exact location of the deployed service member, please see the USPS website at www.usps.com.

The following are packaging tips offered by the United States postal service:

“There are certain factors to consider when sending packages to our troops overseas. To make sure package contents arrive in good shape, take these into consideration.

Extreme Temperatures. Desert temperatures typically exceed 100 degrees.

The Box. Select a strong box with room for cushioning. On recycled boxes, cover all previous labels and markings with a heavy black marker or adhesive labels.

Cushioning. Cushion contents with Styrofoam or bubble wrap to keep items from shifting. We recommend fragile items be double boxed, with cushioning inside and between the boxes to absorb shock.

Batteries. Battery powered items will sometimes get turned on during shipment. Remove and wrap the batteries separately.

Sealing. Tape the opening of the box and reinforce all seams with 2 inch wide tape. Use clear or brown packaging tape, reinforced packing tape or paper tape. Do not use cord, string or twine.

Include a card describing the contents. Improperly wrapped packages can fall apart during shipment. Including a card inside, listing the sender’s and recipient’s addresses plus a description of the contents, helps in collecting the items.”

What Do I Send In A Care Package?

Potential items to send to deployed service members in a care package include:

- favorite snacks (make sure to pack anything that might melt such as chocolate in Ziploc baggies or it will be on everything)
- DVDs, books, and appropriate magazines or newspapers
- pictures from home
- for other suggestions, please see the available form on the Hogcall website.



Operational Security

What is Operational Security? Operational Security (OPSEC) is keeping potential adversaries from discovering critical Department Of Defense information. As the name suggests, it protects US operations - planned, in progress and those completed. Success depends on secrecy and surprise, so the military can accomplish the mission more quickly and with less risk. Enemies of freedom want this information, and they are not just after the military member to get it. They want you, the family member.

Unofficial Websites The posting of pictures and information that is pertinent to your loved ones military unit to personal or family websites has the potential to jeopardize their safety and that of the entire unit. Coordinate with your unit's Family Readiness Officer and have pictures screened and posted to the "Official" Key Volunteer website. This will ensure that you contribute to OPSEC and keep the force safe.

Examples of Critical Information The following examples may help you in defining parameters for your communications. It is important to remember that there are many more examples than those listed below:

Detailed information about the mission of assigned units.

Details concerning locations and times of unit deployments.

Personnel transactions that occur in large numbers (e.g., pay information, power of attorney, wills or deployment information).

References to trend in unit morale or personnel problems.

Details concerning security procedures.

Let's all work together to keep our troops overseas safe! By increasing our awareness of OPSEC, we can do just that!

Answers to USMC IQ: 1.Basic Allowance for Housing, 2.Basic Allowance for Subsistence, 3.Commanding General, 4.Commandant of the Marine Corps, 5.Commanding Officer, 6.Commuted Rations, 7.Continental United States, 8.Family Readiness Officer, 9.Family Separation Allowance, 10.Key Volunteer Network, 11.Leave and Earnings Statement, 12.Lifestyles, Insights, Networking, Knowledge and Skills, 13.Noncommissioned Officer, 14.Officer of the Day, 15.Provost Marshal Officer, 16.Staff Noncommissioned Officer, 17.Transportation Management Office, 18.Executive Officer.

Numbers to Know

Red Cross – 1-800-272-7337
Base Legal Services – 228-7894
LINKS – 228-6141
Family Service Center – 228-7353
PMO – 228-7374
Emergencies – 911
MCAS Information – 228-7351
Navy-Marine Corps Relief – 522-1161
Base Housing Office – 228-7706
Tri-Command Housing Maintenance – 846-5300
TMO – 228-7864

Deployed Mailing Address – OIF

Rank Last Name First Name
MWSS-272 (Section)
Unit 77151 FPOAT 09509-7151

MWSS-273 Command Address

Marine Wing Support Squadron 273
Marine Wing Support Group 27
2D Marine Aircraft Wing
U.S. Marine Corps Forces,
Atlantic Postal Service Center Box 66038
Beaufort SC 29904

Please support our Key Volunteer Network in our current fundraising effort. An order form is enclosed!

Upcoming Events:

September 2 – BCHS Military Appreciation Night
September 8 – Next KVN Meeting
September 10 – LINKS Session
September 10-11 – Beaufort Kennel Club Dog Show @ MCAS Beaufort
September 14 – Semper Fit starts Hatha Yoga classes
September 15-18 CREDO Personal Growth Retreat
September 19 – Military Ball Body Challenge Begins at Semper Fit
September 23-25 CREDO Marriage Enrichment Retreat
September 29-30 PREP Session
October 22 – Parris Island Craft Fair



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SWEATHOGS ON THE MOVE!!!!!!

August 25, 2005 was an exciting day for many in the MWSS 273 family. Some of our Sweathogs returned from a deployment in Support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. As the bus came down the street from the armory, these warriors were welcomed by lines of MWSS 273 Marines lining the streets in a patriotic salute to a job well done. The Key Volunteer Network was present for support and was advertising the latest fundraiser. The USO came out to help welcome home the Marines and Sailors as well as provide support to the patiently waiting families and friends. Marina, our beloved mascot, could be heard squealing above the crowd, welcoming home her fellow Sweathogs (and she enjoyed a mud puddle during her wait). Marina also provided entertainment for waiting children. Let's congratulate the returning Sweathogs on a job well done.

August 22, 2005 a group of Sweathogs departed from Beaufort for Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. They said an early morning farewell, and departed to do the jobs that only our Marines and Sailors can do. We wish them the best of luck and keep them as well as their families and friends in our thoughts and prayers during this deployment.



Marina – The Sweathog Mascot

